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An honest mind safely alone,
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Or thro' the deepest Scythian Snows,
Or where the fam'd Hydaspes flows.
If blest by Providence, thou must impart,
Kindly relief, to cheer the drooping heart;
Thill not be lost, for what we thus bestow
With reverence be it spoke the Lord doth know.
Guard my Repose thou Lord of all within,
An equal Temper, and a Soul serene;
Oh! teach me patience when oppos'd to wrong,
Restrain the mad'ning heart and curb the tongue,
The Sons of Virtue mean repulse disdain,
Nor does their shining honour ever stain;
Their glorious minds are so securely great

They neither Swell nor Sink at turns of fate.

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Consider what thou shalt be. —

Thy flesh returns to corruption and common earth again; nor shall thy dust be distinguished from the meanest, ^{Beggar.} ~~Butler~~ or Slave; no, nor from the dust of Brutes and insects, or the most contemptible of Creatures; And as for thy Soul, that, must stand before God, in the world of Spirits, on a level with the rest of Mankind, and divested of all haughty and flattering circumstances. None of thy vain Distinctions in this Life, shall attend thee to the judgment Seat. Keep this tribunal in view; and Pride will wither; and hang down its head. —

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Hail power eternal, infinite, immense,
Creator and Redeemer, Lord of life,
All good, all wise, all perfect, all divine!
Increase my ardour, elevate my Soul,
And draw me from this idle, useless world,
To better thoughts the thoughts of that to come!
Let me not beg of blessings from thy hand,
But for increase of Virtue: Gracious power
Thy holy Spirit on my Soul; so make
Thy servant perfect, fit for Heaven and thee,
And thou art good! Oh guide me with thy hand,
Cure all the fond, vain evils of my heart,
And stifle every growing folly there!

Oh! my Redeemer, kindly condescend
To hear my Prayer and grant yet wherefore speak?
If it seems good bestow the boon I wish;
(Thou knowest my thoughts) if not they will be done!

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A few lines taken from the London
Chronicle Sep^r. 5th 1778, & was sent to the Printer by
a person who took them from one of the middle Panes
of Glass in a Window of a Quakers Meeting
house in Edinburgh, cut there with a Diamond.

Approach this place with reverence come,
Serve God, tho' each Tongue should be dumb,
Experience that Mysterious Part,
To feel his presence at thy heart,
And hear his whispers soft and kind,
In holy silence of the mind,
Then rest thy thoughts nor let them roam
In quest of joys, for Heavens at home.
And feel the beams of purest love,
An emblem of the bliss above.

thing? Necessity. because; it surmounts all other
accidents; What was the Easiest thing? To give
Counsel; What was the Hardest thing? To
know Ones Self; What was the Wisest thing?
Time. because it brings all things to pass.—

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A Lady's last Farewell to her
Husband written a few Days before her Death.

Thou who dost all my worldly thoughts employ,
Thou pleasing source of all my earthly joy.
Thou tenderest husband, and thou dearest friend;
To thee this last - this fond adieu I send.

At length the conqueror Death asserts his right,
And will for ever veil me from thy sight,
He weds me to him with a cheerful grace,
And not one terror clouds his awful face;
He promises a lasting rest from pain,
And shews that all Life's fleeting joys are vain;
The Eternal scenes of Heaven he sets in view,
And tells me that no other joys are true.

Where then is sovereign Bliss, where does it grow,
Know mortals happiness never dwells below,
Look at yon Heaven, go seek the Blessing there,
Be Heaven thy aim, thy souls eternal care,
Nothing but God, and God alone you'll find,
Can fill a boundless and Immortal mind.

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On the Divine Perfections

Dost thou ask a torch to discover
the brightness of the morning? Dost thou appeal
to argument for proofs of divine Perfection? —
Look down to the Earth on which thou standest,
and lift up thine Eyes to the Worlds that roll
above thee: Thou beholdest splendour, abundance
and beauty; is not he who produced them mighty,
Thou considerest — is not he who formed thy
understanding, Wise? Thou enjoyest — is not he
who gratifies thy senses, Good? can aught
have limited his bounty, but his Wisdom? or
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on passing by. Newport. Meeting in
time of Worship. —

Trained in each Virtue, moral and divine, ^{shine.}
See in the decent Crowd what natural beauties

No airs unseemly, no indecent nod,
Their hearts on Heaven and their thoughts on God.

Whose modest garb and Tenets well express;

That true Religion wears no tinsel dress.

Distinguished only, but by real good;

By those abandon'd and by those pursued.

Meek unadorned, with every merit join'd;

Lodged in the Soul, and treasured in the Mind.

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Right, Thoughts.

Vain are all sudden sallies of delight;
Convulsions of a weak distempered joy,
Joy's a fixed state; a tenure, not a start.
Bliss there is none, but unprecious Bliss:
That is the Gem! Sell all, and purchase that.
Why go a begging to contingencies,
Not gained with ease, nor safely lost, if gained?
At good fortuitous, draw back, and pause;
Suspect it; what thou canst ensure, enjoy;
And nought but what thou giv'st thyself is sure.
Reason perpetuates joy that Reason gives,
And makes it as immortal as herself:
To mortals, nought Immortal, but their worth.

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I found true amity with thy Letter,
and a tender desire springing in my heart to the
Lord for thee, that as he hath in mercy quickned
and gathered thee to himself out of the nature and
Spirit of this world, so he would please, through the same
tender mercy, to preserve thee in that which gives the sense
of his goodness, and enables to walk worthy thereof.

My dear and tender Love to thy Sister. O fear
the Lord, and watch over one another in love, faithfulness,
and meekness of Spirit, and be not of a distrustful spirit,
but trust your Father in every trial, temptation,
condition, or strait.

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antient Earls of Westmoreland, written by her Husband,
and inscribed in the chimney wall of a large room, at
Budstone place, in Kent, once the Seat of that noble
Family. —

She feared God, and knew how to serve him;
she assigned times for her devotion, and kept them; She was a
perfect wife, and a true friend; She joyed most to oblige those
nearest and dearest to me; she was still the same, ever kind
and never troublesome, often preventing my desires, disputing
none, providently managing all that was mine, rising in
appearance above mine Estate, while she advanced it; she
was of a great Spirit, sweetly tempered; of a sharp wit;
without offence; excellent speech; blest with Silence; of a
cheerful Temper; mildly governed; of a brave fashion

to win respect, and to daunt boldness, pleasing to all of her
sex; intimate with few; delighting in the best; ever avoiding
all persons and places in their honor blemished; and was as free
from doing ill as giving the occasion. She died as she lived; well,
and blest in the greatest extremity; most patiently sending
forth her pure soul with many zealous prayers and
hymns to her Maker; pouring out her affectionate heart in
passionate streams to her Saviour. —

N.B. The beginning and ending of this
Inscription being defaced by time, the date is uncertain. —

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What a poor, uncertain, dying world is this! What a wilderness in itself! How dark, how desolate, without the light of the Gospel and the knowledge of Jesus! It does not appear so to us in a state of Nature; because we are then in a state of Enchantment, blinded by Sin. — It is a great mercy to be undeceived in time; and though our gay dreams are at an end and we awake to every thing that is disgusting and dismaying, yet we see a highway through the Wilderness, a powerful guard, an infallible guide at hand to conduct us through; and we discern, beyond the limits of the Wilderness, a better Land, where we shall beat rest and at home. with the difficulties we

meet with by the way then signify? The remembrance
of them will only remain to heighten our Sense of the
Love, care, and power of our Saviour and Leader; O how
shall we then admire, adore and praise him. when
he shall condescend to unfold to us the beauty
propriety and harmony of the whole train of his
Dispensations towards us, and give us a clear retro-
spect of all the way and all the turns of our
Pilgrimage.—

In the mean while, the best method
of adorning our profession and of enjoying peace in our-
selves, is simply to trust him, and absolutely to com-
mit our souls and our all to his management. By
casting our burden upon him our spirits become light
and chearful; we are freed from a thousand Anxieties—
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A View of Nature & of Grace.

From Aetna's summit or Vesuvius top,
Or loftier Andes—where eternal frost,
In horrid contrast with eternal fire
(Conflicting Elements) each other brave;
Awfully striving, yet no victory gained!
From hence a prospect let us take, of high, of low,
Of middle space; and then each wonder note.

Man made to wonder,—wondering adore:
Adore his God, great architect of all!
Who spake—whose word gave birth to Being!
Here from such elevated heights as these
The Heavens we view—the starry Firmament!

Vast concave—blue ethereal vault—paved o'er
With more than gold! fit pavement for the deity
Where He, where Angels doubtless design to walk,
Amid the field of planetary Worlds!
Where central Suns, in bright effulgence glow,
Yet lose their Lustre in the brighter beams
Of Him,—or Angels! as these near approach!
Here o'er the Universe we gaze around—
Exert our utmost ken—Our mental powers
Employ'd, with pleasing and terrific Scenes!
Broad Craters opening wide their yawning mouths,
We see the liquid Lava pour sulphureous,
Sweeping all of man, of beast, of ferrest
And of town—promiscuous in its way!

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Entomb'd in ruin—and congeal'd to Stone!
Thus perched high (above Man's wonted Sphere)
We downward look upon the circling Zones!
The frigid, temperate and the terrified!
Mark their phenomena, pleas'd and appall'd!
And having for a moment thus indulg'd
Let us descend, reenter where Man's Sphere,
His wonted Sphere of life is found to be.
Amid an element replete with all
That nature needs, teeming with all
That can conduce to comfort here below!
Here Spring reanimate by vernal Suns
Unfolds, the embryo vegetables burst
Their Shells, and blooms variegated blow.

Their sweet effluvia borne on balmy gales,
Here nature's law; (in Unison of hearts)
To by the Inhabitants retire in pain!
And each protects with care its little ones—
All beautiful, harmonious all—but Man?
And roaming hence thro' nature's ample field,
We see of nature and of art, of men, of beast,
Of fishes and of fowls,—these multi form!
Explore the vegetable world, and then,
Descending we explore the fossil too!
See also cities with their lofty spires,
And superb villas raised—temples and towers;
With powerful navies riding on the Sea!
Religion, Custom, Superstition much!

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There's drawn some Sweet, or some instruction found,
When all is made to center in a God. —
His honor, and Salvation of the Soul —
But leaving these, to take a view of grace,
Theme most glorious! Theme of all Themes!
And without which, all others are but vain!
Theme heaven-born off Spring of God himself;
Offer'd to Man, his aid, his rule of life:
Sufficient is for every word and work!
Teaches the Soul how to deny the world
Flesh, and the Devil, soberly to live.
Oh glorious Theme, none singer can of thee,

But Saints and Angels round the heavenly throne,
Or Inspirations children here below!
Such was the Father's love for sinful man,
And such the filial duty of the Son,
As that he deigned to descend and for
A Season leave his glorified state,
In his descent Heavens hierarchy to pass;
Nor took of nature or of form angelic,
Stooping to th'earth partook of clay,
Became like man in all things, saving sin,
For cause of which he left the blest abodes,
Not to the righteous sent; but Sinners call'd,
Call'd to repentance—call'd the gentile world
And gave the grace our Souls would gladly sing

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Unto which grace, dear Youth I recommend.
Your Souls with mine; may each
In his allotment faithful stand;
Faithfully persevere, may love superior
Knit your tender hearts, in holy faith
Build one another up: Lovingly in life,
Divided not in Death!

Your face's Zion-ward Zealously set,
More glorious City than is here below
Where joys supernatural never fade away.

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By Elisha Thornton

Extract of a Letter from Thomas Pole
in London to James Bringham

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We have a little young Woman here, who
seems to be the great Wonder of the present Day,
She is now I think about 24 Years of Age, whose
Name is Sarah Lynes. She was Educated in Friends
Charity School near this City, and afterwards
as a Servant in a Friends Family in Ireland;
She first appeared in the Ministry I think
about the fifteenth year of her Age; in a
weighty Solid manner; She has grown in her
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Task having very large Meetings amongst
those of other Societies in places where there
are no Friends; and some places where no
Friends have had Meetings, since the earliest
days of our Society if Ever; and in a great
many large and Populous Towns, has address-
sed the People in the public Markets, on
Market Days. She frequently stands from an
Hour to two hours and a quarter to the
Astonishment of all who hear her. She
demonstrates a mind wonderfully Gifted for

such a line of Service; and People say she
must be Inspired, which doubtless she is.
And what is beautifully to behold, She is
adorned with sweet Humility and Child-
like Innocence; her voice is Sonorous, her
pronunciation uncommonly Clear, her
Language sublime, and above all, the
Power attending her Ministry has an uncom-
mon effect on all the grave and gay; and other
Societies have opened places of Worship—
for her, and even the civil Magistrates stepped
forward to Accommodate and protect her;
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and his Brother John, accompanied her through
great part of the Service in public Oppor-
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Comfort. She is now in London and spent
three Evenings with us at our House;
from her late very trying Exercise, she had
almost lost her Voice, and could only
Speak in a Whisper til she found something
on her mind to Communicate to the Compa-
ny; when She again received her Voice
and spoke audibly; after which it dropt again
in a Whisper as before; and the same Circum-
stance took place in Grace Church street Meeting
House morning of the same Days: indeed we

have a considerable Number of young Women who
have lately come out in the Ministry, who
promise fair to make useful shining Charac-
ters; Handmaids in the Lords cause, and
also some young Men, but the former outdo
the latter in number; at least, I believe the
arduous Labours of our American Friends
have been Blessed to the younger Class in
our Society, in a remarkable Degree, which
will give them a Claim to the gracious
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which was scarcely expected, considering the
present State of the Times, when the Expense
of Travelling is an object which was Supposed
would be a Discouragement to many who
are very distantly situated. — This is the 6th
day of our Annual Meetings and I think
some of them have been Eminently favoured
by the Father of Mercies: Indeed the Testimo-
nies of truth seem to be spreading in many
parts, notwithstanding the sorrowful Revolt
of a great part of our Society in a Day of

Ease; but truly it may still be said that while
the Judgements of the Lord are in the
Earth, the People learn Righteousness,
the alarming prospects which surround
us in this presently convulsed State of
European Nations, seem to have a tenden-
cy to awaken the minds of many to a
serious Consideration, and to have shewn
them the necessity of seeking a timely shelter
in the munition of Rocks: our Religious Tes-
timony against Wars, seems evidently gaining
ground among those of other Societies, tho' its
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Extract from Youngs N. Thoughts

The chamber where the good Man meets his fate,
Is privileg'd beyond the common walk....

Of virtuous Life. quite in the verge of Heaven...

Fly ye profane! if not draw near with awe,

Receive the blessing, and adore the hand,

That threw in this Bethesda your disease...

If unrestor'd by this despair your cure;

For here swift demonstration dwells!

A Death-bed's a detector of the heart;

Here tird dissimulation drops her mask,

Thro' life's grimace, that Mistress of the Scene!

Here real and apparent are the same...

You see the Man you see his hold on Heaven,
If sound his Virtue as Philanders sound,
Heaven waits not the last moment to send her friend
On this side Death and points them out to Men
A Lecture, silent, but of sovereign power!
To Vice confusion — and to Virtue peace.

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The following Account was transmitted
from Ireland. To a Friend in the West of Eng-
land. Some time ago, David Sands, from North
America, in passing through a place, after attend-
ing a Quarterly Meeting of Friends; felt his mind
Deeply impressed to convene a public Meeting there,
but it being rather late in the Evening, Friends
that were with him made some Objections, and
proposed it to be held next morning: David Sands
said, that would not do; and he believed, that if
only half a Dozen came together, then he should
be clear. Notice was accordingly given, and
a Barn procured for the purpose soon after the
Meeting Assembled, David Sands stood up,

up, and said he believ'd that Meeting was ap-
pointed for one Person; that from his sense of
feeling, and the Impression made on his mind,
One in that Assembly was on the point of
Suicide, and had Weapons about his person;
with that he therefore earnestly Entreated him
to Consider better of it, return home and destroy
his Weapons. Next morning a young Man of a
very licentious Character waited on David
Sands, and inform'd him, that he was the
Person to whom he allud'd the night before,
that for some time past he had premeditated
a design to Destroy himself and for that had
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into the Barn, curiosity led him to Dismount
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A Song of Praise

Hear O ye mountains, and give ear
O ye Cedars of Lebanon, The Lord the light
of Jerusalem, the life of Saints, hath put a Song
of praise in my mouth, and caused me to rejoice
in the Valley of Jehosaphat.

I was in the Desert, and he led me
forth by the power of his right hand, I was
fallen and he stretched out his arm and set me
upright; Yea I was dead, and behold he raised
me from the Grave.

I was also an hungry, and he fed me
with the bread of his Everlasting Covenant.

I weakly fainted in the way, but the
King of the Holy Mountain rescued me by the
word of his promise. ~~~~~

He has laid any foundations with beauty,
with precious stones of divers colours, and the
superstructure is all Glory. ~~~~~

Come sing with me Oye Valleys and
flowers of the plain, let us clap our hands with
joy, for the King of the East hath visited us,
and smiled on our beauty. ~~~~~

For he sees his Holy Name on every
flower, and his Glorious Image on every lovely plain.

Come let us walk after him to the seat
of his Judgment, that we may see Justice execu-
ted on the Mountains. ~~~~~

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I was silent before the Lord as a Child
not yet weaned, He put words in my mouth, and
sang forth his praise with an audible voice.

He called unto my God out of the great
deep. He put on Bowels of Mercy and had com-
passion on me because his Love was Infinite, and
his power without measure.

He called for my Life, and I offered it
at his footstool, But he gave it me as a prey with
an unspeakable addition,

He called for my will, and I resigned it
at his call, But he returned me his own in Token
of his Love.

He called for the world, and I laid it at
his feet, with the Crowns thereof, I with held them

not at the beckoning of his Sland.

But mark the benefit of the exchange, for he gave me instead of Earth, A Kingdom of Eternal peace, and in lieu of the crowns of Vanity, A Crown of Glory.

I will call upon him in the days of Temptation, and when I am in the Shadow of Death, the Lord shall be my strength.

Taken from Ps

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Taken from Isaac Pennington's Letters

There is a Light which enlightens
the Soul, or it remains in darkness: Ye were
darkness said the Apostle, but now are ye
light in the Lord. Now, no man can become
light in the Lord, unless his Nature and Spirit
it be renewed, and changed out of darkness into
light. Now the question is, what this light is and
where it is to be met with. Are the Scriptures
then this Light; or do they testify of this light.
if they testify of this light, then the Light is to be
come to; and the Soul to be enlightened by it, and
he that comes to this light, and is enlightened by
it, and walks in the pure shining thereof, he

becomes a child of Light; but he that is not
enlightened and changed by it, is yet a child of
darkness; notwithstanding whatsoever he learns,
professeth, or practiseth, by imitation from the Scripture.
This is a weighty matter. O, come, be not wedded to
your own ways, nor prejudiced against what God
hath taught others; but let things be fairly scan-
ned, that all things may be proved, and that
which is good hold fast; for truth will not
lose ground by being tried, but darkness is
afraid of the Light, because it has a secret sense
that it cannot stand before it. —

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